

S.C. MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING
SCDMH Administration, 2414 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW UP, ETC.
CALL TO ORDER	The May 1, 2015 meeting of the South Carolina Mental Health Commission was called to order at 10:17 a.m. by Alison Y. Evans, Psy.D., Chair, in the Commission Room at the SC Department of Mental Health Administration Building, 2414 Bull Street, Columbia, SC. Mr. Jeff Ham commenced with the invocation.	
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	Dr. Evans welcomed regular attendees as well as guests to the May Commission meeting. Guests introduced themselves by standing and giving their name and where they work.	
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	<i>On a motion by Sharon Wilson, seconded by Buck Terry, the Commission approved the agenda for today's Business Meeting.</i>	
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<p><i>On a motion by Jane Jones, seconded by Beverly Cardwell, the Commission approved the minutes of the Commission Dinner of April 9, 2015.</i></p> <p><i>On a motion by Everard Rutledge, seconded by Jane Jones, the Commission approved the minutes of the Center Presentation of April 10, 2015.</i></p> <p><i>On a motion by Beverly Cardwell, seconded by Sharon Wilson, the Commission approved the minutes of the Commission Business Meeting of April 10, 2015.</i></p> <p><i>All voted in favor to the above motions; all motions carried.</i></p>	
MONTHLY/QUARTERLY INFORMATIONAL REPORTS	<p>Mark Binkley presented those items listed under Monthly/Quarterly Informational Reports. There was nothing remarkable to report on the Patient Protection and Client Advocacy Reports. Of the pending cases on the Patient Protection Report, 10 are being retained by SLED as potentially criminal; 16 cases were referred to the State Long Term Care Ombudsman's Office (SLTCOO) in the Lt. Governor's Office on Aging; one (1) SLED referred case is pending with a local law enforcement agency; one (1) SLED referred case is pending with the Adult Protection Services Division of DSS; and three (3) cases are being investigated by the Attorney General's Office alleging financial exploitation by a family member.</p> <p>There are no remarkable trends in the Client Advocacy report. Issues are being regularly and routinely addressed by facility and center staff advocates.</p>	

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<p data-bbox="153 280 525 345">● Key Statistical Outpatient Measures – Geoff Mason</p> <p data-bbox="153 781 533 846">DEPARTMENTAL OVERVIEW AND UPDATE</p> <p data-bbox="153 886 525 951">● Presentation by SC OIG – Patrick Maley</p>	<p data-bbox="583 280 1680 773">Geoff Mason called everyone’s attention to the handout in the packets labeled <i>Quarters 1 through 3 FY 2014 vs. FY 2015</i>. Overall, the Centers have improved in the following areas by the indicated percentages: new cases by 5.25%; billable hours by 4.34%; number of overall services by 4.16%; number of clients served by 3.08%; and the percent of intakes meeting access standards is now 81% statewide. (This would include emergent need clients being seen that same day; urgent need clients being seen within 1-2 days; and routine appointments offered to clients within seven (7) days). Collaborative documentation refers to completing documentation with the client present, and all centers have increased from 2014 by 16.33%. The annual productivity average for all centers is approximately 773.26 hours, which is up from the standard of 720 hours. Mr. Mason indicated that all center directors’ EPMS has been changed to reflect that their centers have to maintain an average of at least 780 hours. The exceptional level will be raised to 820 hours. Commissioner Wilson asked if there was a target percentage for collaborative documentation and the answer was yes, at 85%.</p> <p data-bbox="583 886 1692 1450">Mr. Magill and Mrs. Valarie Perkins introduced the Executive Director of the South Carolina Office of Inspector General, Patrick Maley. With respect to the agency’s fiduciary duties, Mr. Maley stated that the essentials are to have a high integrity environment and to ensure that the each State agency is running as efficiently as possible. It is imperative that each agency look closely at their code of conduct, which the Governor of South Carolina has addressed with a template. If the agency has not already done so, DMH is encouraged to adopt or add avoiding the appearance of conflict of interest to its standards, as well as, not accepting gifts and a duty to report awareness of violations in the Department’s code of conduct. There are over 4,000 employees at DMH and the agency has a budget of over \$380 million. With an agency this size, it is very hard to maintain integrity, assurance and confidence which is why you have to have policies and procedures in place. Mr. Maley commended DMH’s Accountability Report adding that this agency’s Report was among his top five Reports in the state. This Report is a document ensuring that the Commission and upper level staff are discharging their fiduciary duties to make sure the agency is running at the highest level of integrity and as efficiently as possible. One suggestion given to the Commission is to have your internal auditors audit the agency’s Accountability Report.</p>	

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<p>• Legislative Update – Rochelle Caton</p>	<p>Rochelle Caton spoke briefly on several bills of interest, to include the Freedom of Information bill to require each public body to provide an agenda for all regularly scheduled meetings and requires that items not be added to agendas less than 24 hours prior to a meeting without a 2/3 vote of the body. The next bill involves the Mental Health Court Program Act. This bill has been referred to Committee on Judiciary. The Patient’s Rights bill is one of our agency’s bills in that it allows DMH to use “Authorized Health Care Provider” to be used in DMH hospitals in the same manner as other healthcare facilities do in that they will be able to perform required initial examinations and to authorize some medications and treatment to patients in DMH facilities. The last bill of major interest to our agency is the Able Savings Program. Mr. Bill Lindsey of NAMI commented briefly on the Able bill which would enable persons with disabilities or their families to establish savings accounts as a means of empowering individuals with a disability and their families to save private funds to support the individual with a disability, without adversely impacting their eligibility for Medicaid.</p>	
<p>• Bull Street Update</p>	<p>Mr. Magill noted that very little has changed since the last meeting. Mr. Binkley has been contacted by Hughes Development and other contractors about road access for bringing in the steel. The flatbeds will be brought in off the south side of the campus on Calhoun Street. Mr. Magill noted that there will possibly be another parcel sale by early Fall but more of this conversation will take place at the next meeting when we have more information. Regarding the William S. Hall Institute sale, the agency will meet soon with the Attorney General’s office to talk about the next step, which may require the agency going back to court.</p>	
<p>• Financial Status Update – Noelle Wriston</p>	<p>Mrs. Noelle Wriston commenced by stating that there is very little change from last month’s financial report. The agency is still estimating that we will not spend all of the non-recurring funds that we budgeted at the beginning of the year. Vacant positions are the main drivers of the lower expenditures. Between now and year end, we do not anticipate huge fluctuations in our budget.</p>	
<p>• Domestic Violence Task Force Subcommittee Report – Drs. Alicia Benedetto, Gariane Gunter and Everard Rutledge</p>	<p>Mr. Magill gave some background information about the Governor’s State Domestic Violence Task Force. He then introduced the sub-committee members and asked each to briefly explain some of their initiatives. Dr. Everard Rutledge is on the Criminal Justice subcommittee; Dr. Gariane Gunter is on the Community Education and Outreach subcommittee; and Dr. Alicia Benedetto is on the Victim and Offender Services subcommittee. On a side note, Mr. Magill and the subcommittee members will meet episodically in the future to craft what we think will be our contribution now and in the</p>	

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<p>● Resource Acquisition Initiative (RAI) Update – John H. Magill</p> <p>● Institute of Medicine and Public Health (IMPH) Report – John H. Magill</p> <p>● SC Health Coordinating Council (SCHCC) – John H. Magill</p> <p>● ETV Premiere – John H. Magill</p> <p>● Minds on Main Parade & Block Party – John H. Magill</p> <p>OTHER ADDITIONAL COMMENTS</p>	<p>future that is centered on domestic violence.</p> <p>The most recent RAI board training took place in Charleston. The Charleston board members not only embraced this initiative but they did an outstanding presentation to the Charleston County Council. The Board presented the centers’ programs and needs. The project continues to move forward.</p> <p>The Institute of Medicine and Public Health (IMPH) will be releasing their report next week at the State House. Mr. Magill noted that the recommendations in the report are quite good. Some of the data used in the report is still being studied by DMH. Senator Alexander, the IMPH staff director, chairman and executive director have all discussed some strategies around the implementation of the recommendations. Dr. Alison Evans stated that she was contacted last night from a staffer at IMPH about a possible presentation to the SC Mental Health Commission at the next meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Magill was elected to the Board of the South Carolina Health Coordinating Council and will begin to bring information to the Commission on their initiatives.</p> <p>Everyone was asked to weigh in on the ETV Premiere, <i>Down on Bull Street</i>, which was shown last night. Dr. Alison Evans told the Chair from the Conservation League that the SC Mental Health Commission would welcome a part two of the documentary that would focus more on what is happening now.</p> <p>Saturday morning is the Minds on Main Parade and Block Party sponsored by NAMI Mid-Carolina. Mr. Magill and Bill Lindsey encouraged everyone to come out to participate.</p> <p>Children’s Mental Health Advocacy Day is Wednesday, May 6th on the State House steps at 10:30 AM. This event is predominantly sponsored by Federation of Families.</p> <p>Next meeting highlight presentation will be on Behavioral Health Homes.</p> <p>All three (3) applications for the VA Nursing Home were received and have been accepted and given a grant number.</p>	

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NOTICE/AGENDA	The Outstanding Employee of the Year and Hassenplug Awards Ceremony will begin promptly at 1:00 PM at Morris Village.		
	A notice and agenda of the meeting were sent out to all individuals and news media who requested information in accordance with state law.		
ADJOURNMENT	<i>At 11:21 a.m., on a motion by Joan Moore, seconded by Beverly Cardwell, Chairperson Alison Evans adjourned the May 2015 Business Meeting of the South Carolina Mental Health Commission.</i>		
ATTENDANCE Commission Members	Alison Y. Evans, Psy.D., Chair Beverly Cardwell Everard O. Rutledge, PhD Sharon L. Wilson	Joan Moore, Vice Chair James Buxton Terry Jane Jones	
Staff/Guests	John H. Magill Geoff Mason Marcia Lindsay Alan Powell Bryant Collins Vicki Walker Bill Lindsey Patrick Maley	Mark Binkley Versie Bellamy Noelle Wriston Amanda Henry Robert Bank, MD Bonnie Pate Ligia Latiff-Bolet, PhD Bob Letteney	
APPROVALS	_____ Alison Y. Evans, PsyD, Chair	_____ Christie D. Linguard, Recording Secretary	